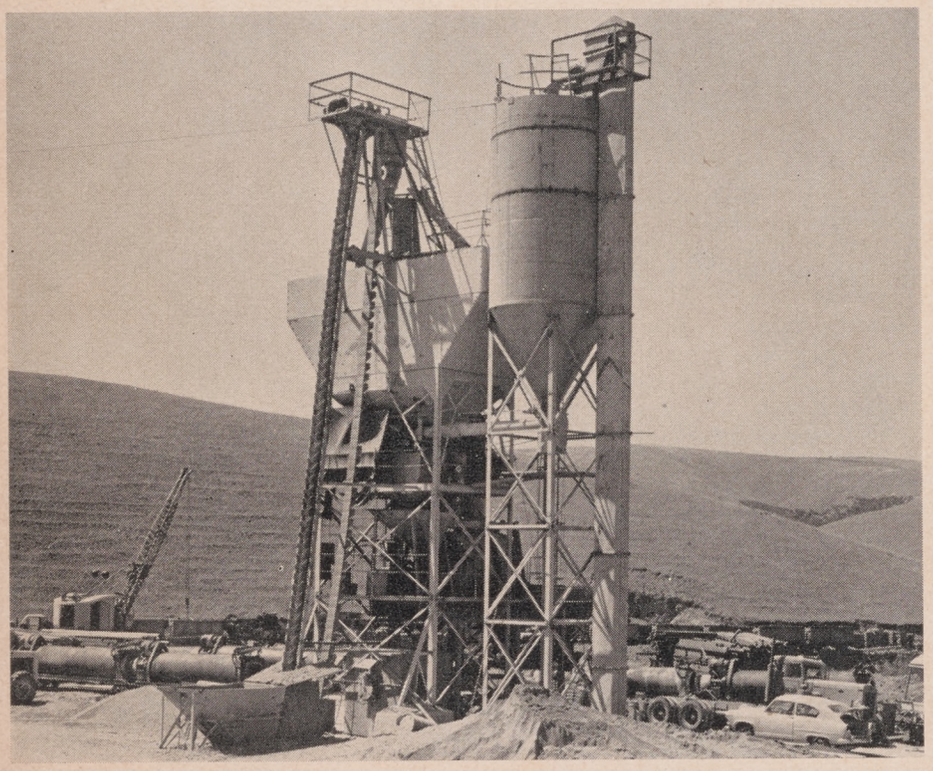
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The expansion program continues to move ahead rapidly. Above is shown a completed Noble batching plant located near the east portal of the San Juan tunnel. Here rock, cement and water are mixed to make the concrete used for the lining of the tunnel. Work on the San Juan tunnel began just a little over a year ago.

Board Statement of Policy Outlines Need For Constitutional Amendment on Areas of Origin

Strongly endorsing a "sound economical State water plan," the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District in an official statement of policy concerning the Feather River Project, this month declared that a Constitutional Amendment must be adopted to determine the respective rights of northern and southern California to water from the northern "areas of origin" prior to the appropriation of money for the construction of the Project.

The Board further declared that before the Project is given final authorization, further studies of the plan, including adequate studies of a coastal route should be made. Meantime, the Board stated, sites for the Oroville Dam and Reservoir and the San Luis Reservoir should be acquired by the State and the necessary appropriation should be made at this time, but that no money should be appropriated for rights of way, development, or construction "until determination, pursuant to a Constitutional Amendment, of the respective rights to the use of the water to

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District Tax Rate Reduced For Sixth Successive Year

For the sixth successive year, the Metropolitan Water District tax rate has been reduced. By action of the District Board of Directors on August 19, the current rate of 23c per $100 of assessed valuation has been cut to 21c for the year 1955-56.

Board Chairman Joseph Jensen stated that the tax reduction is being made effective despite the fact that the Water District has recently greatly expanded its aqueduct extension program to meet the constantly increasing need for Colorado River water in the homes and industries of Southern California. New construction work now under way calls for the investment of $85,000,000, Chairman Jensen stated.

Action of the District Board in authorizing the tax reduction was taken on the recommendation of its Finance Committee, headed by Director Hugh W. Stiles and Controller Albert W. McKinlay. The District tax rate reached its highest level of 50c in 1945-46. Since then, successive reductions have cut the rate to 21c, Controller McKinlay pointed out.

Of the new 21c tax rate, McKinlay stated, 13c will be used to meet interest and principal payments on outstanding Colorado River aqueduct bonds that were sold to finance the construction of the giant water supply system from the Colorado River. The remaining 8c will be used to meet Federal Government and other obligations. All operating expenses are being paid from the District's water revenues, McKinlay said.

All charges on Colorado River aqueduct bonds are being paid by taxpayers and water users in the Metropolitan Water District, McKinlay stated. He pointed out that no Federal subsidies of any kind are being received to help pay for any part of the aqueduct water supply.

Cities and areas within the Metropolitan Water District are not required to

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Death of D. W. Pontius Mourned by District Board



D. W. PONTIUS

The members of the District Board of Directors this month mourned the death of Director D. W. Pontius, who passed away September 3.

Mr. Pontius was an outstanding pioneer among Southern California leaders who supported the Colorado River aqueduct project at the time it was first proposed in 1923 and later he was one of those who helped to guide the work of establishing the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and launching the work of financing and building the aqueduct system.

He was appointed the first Controller of the Metropolitan Water District in December 1930. He continued to serve as Controller without salary until September 1938. During these years the Metropolitan Water District sold more than $150 million in aqueduct bonds to help finance construction of the giant Colorado River aqueduct, which was completed in its initial development in 1941.

In January 1933, Mr. Pontius was appointed as one of Los Angeles' representatives on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District and has continued to serve in that capacity down through the years. In 1955 he was a member of the Engineering and Operations Committee, the Finance and Insurance Committee and the Legal and Claims Committee of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Pontius was born in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, March 24, 1869. He attended Ada, Ohio, Normal School. He started his career as a clerk in the track supervisors' office of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He was general manager of the San Diego and Arizona Railroad during completion of construction of that line, which was placed in service between San Diego and the East during World War I.

He was made President of the Pacific Electric Railroad in 1929, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of that organization in 1937, serving in this office for a number of years.

He served as President of the Los Angeles Building Owners and Managers Association, Vice-chairman of the California Major Disaster Committee, Vice-chairman and member of the executive committee of the Pacific Exposition Corporation, and a director and member of the executive committee of the California Taxpayers' Association. For several years he was President of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council.

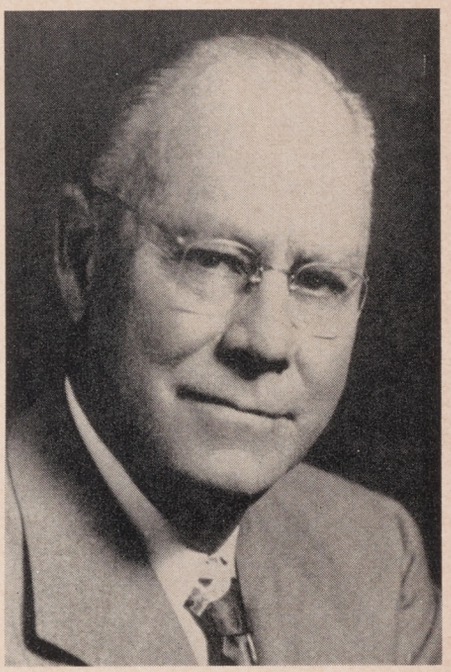
He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha Huber Pontius, and a brother, Ira Pontius, who, for many years has been Treasurer of the District.

Tax Rate Reduced

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meet assessments made against them from taxes but may pay these charges, if they choose, from water or other revenues, Chairman Jensen pointed out. He stated that Glendale, Pasadena, San Diego and Burbank next year will levy no taxes to meet their Metropolitan Water District obligations, but will pay these charges from their water or other revenues. Other District areas that will pay part of their assessments from water revenues are Compton, Lynwood, Culver City, National City, Inglewood, Pomona, and the South Bay Irrigation District in San Diego County, it was stated.

J. W. Fisher Passing Saddens Board Members



J. WILLIAM FISHER

The sudden death of Director J. William Fisher on September 18 from a heart attack saddened members of the District Board of Directors who had met with him at the Board meeting the previous Tuesday.

Mr. Fisher became a member of the Board last April but had been associated with Southern California water matters for a number of years.

He was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and was a graduate of Cornell University. He came to San Diego in 1911, where he engaged in lemon ranching for a time and served as President of the Lemon Grove Mutual Water Company.

After World War I he became associated with the Southwest Onyx and Marble Company and since 1935 had been President and General Manager of that company, as well as of the Pedrara Onyx Company.

He was a member of a large number of civic organizations in San Diego and had been a member of the Citizens Water Advisory Committee for the City Manager of San Diego for about 10 years. He had also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority for the past five years.

Mr. Fisher is survived by his wife, three married daughters and 11 grandchildren.



DIRECTOR H. H. KOHLENBERGER
Ten Years on District Board

Director H. H. Kohlenberger, who represents the city of Fullerton on the District Board of Directors, in August was presented a 10 year service pin by the Board.

Mr. Kohlenberger first assumed his duties on the Board on July 27, 1945. He is a former Mayor of Fullerton and a former member of the City Council also.

He is Chairman of the Organization and Personnel Committee and is a member of the Engineering and Operations Committee of the Board of Directors.

Congressmen Commended

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California joined with other Southland water agencies in expressing deep appreciation to Southern California's Congressional delegation for their outstanding work in preventing adoption of the Upper Colorado River Project Bill at the first session of the 84th Congress.

Congressmen Craig Hosmer, Long Beach, and James B. Utt, Orange County, were cited by the District Board as being in the forefront of the battle against this dangerous bill which would seriously endanger California's share of Colorado River water.

A resolution, unanimously adopted by the District Board, praised all of the Southern California Congressmen for their valiant and successful efforts in defending this area's supply of water from the Colorado River.

The resolution stated, in part:

"The courageous and effective work of California's Congressional delegation was a decisive factor in preventing adoption of the Upper Colorado River Project Bill."

Statement of Policy

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be made available by the Project shall have been made and until the further study of the proposed plan and routes shall have been obtained."

The Feather River Project calls for the construction of a water supply line to deliver water from the Feather River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to central and southern California.

In the cities and areas of the Metropolitan Water District, water delivered by the Project would supplement the District's Colorado River water supply.

Following is the complete text of the Board's statement:

"The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California believes that the rapidly growing population and expanding economy of California require a sound economical State Water Plan.

"Such Plan will call for the development of all of the State's available water resources. This water program should be accomplished by feasible and sound projects to be developed from time to time by the State and other appropriate agencies in conformity with such State Water Plan established and approved by the Legislature.

"The respective rights to the use of water in the areas in which such water originates and in areas to which water in excess of the requirements of areas of origin may be exported, must be determined in order that the quantities so established can be relied upon in financing water projects and in developing the State's economy. A Constitutional Amendment must of necessity be adopted to provide for such determinations by an appropriate administrative body, and for direct review by the State Supreme Court.

"The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, under its existing governmental powers and with its present and projected distribution facilities, is now providing and will continue to provide its service area with a supplemental water supply from the Colorado River. When additional water is required to meet the increasing needs for domestic, municipal, and other beneficial purposes, the District will be prepared to deliver such water. Establishment of overlapping and paralleling water distribution facilities to serve water to Southern California areas would place a wasteful and unnecessary burden upon all of the people of the State of California, and particularly upon the residents of Southern California.

"The Feather River Project, which includes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Diversion Project, appears to offer a suitable means of accomplishing such importation of additional water. Before final authorization further studies of the proposed plan and routes should be made, including adequate studies of a coastal route. Water allocated to Southern California should be delivered to this District at a suitable location permitting coordination with the District's Colorado River supplies and distribution facilities.

"The sites for the Oroville Reservoir and San Luis Reservoir should be acquired by the State and the necessary appropriations therefor should be made. Other than for the acquisition of said reservoir sites, no money should be appropriated for rights of way, development, or construction of the Feather River Project until determination, pursuant to a Constitutional Amendment, of the respective rights to the use of the water to be made available by the Project shall have been made and until the further studies of the proposed plan and routes shall have been obtained."



DIRECTOR GEORGE W. STEVENS
Five Years on District Board

Director George W. Stevens, representing the city of Torrance on the Board of Directors, became eligible for a five year service pin on September 22.

Mr. Stevens is City Manager of Torrance and prior to that was City Manager of Culver City. He served in the Army during World War II.

He is a member of the Engineering and Operations, Land, and Organization and Personnel Committees of the Board.

W. C. Farquhar Named As New Board Director



DIRECTOR W. C. FARQUHAR

W. C. Farquhar, on August 19, was sworn in as a West Basin Municipal Water District representative on the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors.

Mr. Farquhar was born in Victoria, British Columbia, in 1892. He became a resident of California in 1923 and a United States citizen in 1930. He has been Refinery Engineer for the Richfield Oil Corporation since 1928 and in that capacity has made a study of water problems in Southern California.

Prior to coming to California, Mr. Farquhar served in Europe from 1914 to 1919 for the British Government Department of Fortification and Works.

He is also a director of the Central Basin Water Association and assisted in the formation of the West Basin Municipal Water District in 1947, and has served as a director of that District since its incorporation.

Board Awards Contracts

The Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors has awarded two contracts for pipe line construction in the amount of $6,766,303, it was announced by Robert B. Diemer, General Manager and Chief Engineer of the District.

Mr. Diemer said that this line construction is a part of the $85 million aqueduct expansion program now being pushed forward by the District to meet the tremendous increase in demand for Colorado River water.

"The almost incredible growth of Southern California in both population and industry makes it imperative that the Metropolitan Water District expand its facilities to meet the increased need for water," Mr. Diemer declared.

The contracts awarded this week call for the construction of approximately 11.57 miles of pipe line beginning at a point near the east boundary of Los Angeles County and extending westerly to Garfield Avenue between Firestone Boulevard and Southern Avenue in the city of South Gate.

The pipe line is to be constructed of 79 inch diameter welded steel pipe with spun mortar lining and reinforced gunite exterior coating and will contain 20,000 tons of steel. It will be a part of the District's lower feeder line and initially will serve to reinforce Orange County water supplies.

The combined low bids when added to the estimated cost of District supplied materials, including valves, meters and miscellaneous metals, results in a total estimated cost for the 11.57 miles of pipe line of $8,200,000, exclusive of right-of-way costs.

The two low bids were submitted by Steve P. Rados, Inc., and by B. J. Ukropina, T. P. Polich, Steve Kral, individuals, and Baker-Anderson Corp., a joint venture. These firms were awarded the contracts and will construct the pipe line.

W. B. Hellis Joins Board of Directors



DIRECTOR W. B. HELLIS

W. B. Hellis was sworn in as an additional representative of the Orange County Municipal Water District on the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors on August 19.

Mr. Hellis was born in Denver, Colorado, and came to California in the early 1900's. He resided in San Francisco for approximately five years and then moved to Southern California. He has lived in Orange County since 1914.

After leaving school, Mr. Hellis was employed in a financial institution in Los Angeles and later accepted employment with the Irvine Company. He has been General Manager of this company for approximately 20 years and is now Director and Vice President as well as a Trustee of the James Irvine Foundation.

He has worked on the development of water and conservation for many years and has been a Director of the Orange County Municipal Water District since the time of its organization.

Need for Colorado River Water Continues to Grow

Hot weather or no hot weather, the call upon the Metropolitan Water District for Colorado River water has been increasing at a rapid and accelerating rate during the past three years, it was recently pointed out by Robert B. Diemer, General Manager and Chief Engineer of the Metropolitan Water District.

The Metropolitan Water District includes Los Angeles and 65 other incorporated cities and a large number of unincorporated areas in the five counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego. It covers an area of more than 2800 square miles, with a population of more than 6,000,000 or about one-half the total population of all California.

As an indication of the rapid increase in the use of Colorado River water by the many cities and areas within its boundaries, Mr. Diemer released the following figures:

Total deliveries of Colorado River water to areas within the District during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, amounted to 386,000 acre-feet (126,000,000,000 gallons) as compared to 246,000 acre-feet (80,000,000,000 gallons) in 1954, and as compared with 163,000 acre-feet (53,000,000,000 gallons) in 1953. Thus, it was pointed out, the use of Colorado River water increased 51 percent from 1953 to 1954, and 58 percent from 1954 to 1955.

Based upon estimated requirements of the District member areas for the present fiscal year, Mr. Diemer said that the total deliveries of the Metropolitan Aqueduct for the year ending 1956 may total 450,000 acre-feet, or 147,000,000,000 gallons.

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Director Hugh W. Stiles inspects the new Metropolitan Water District exhibit at the Los Angeles County Fair. In addition to being a member of the District Board, Mr. Stiles is also a member of the Fair Board of Directors. The new exhibit is located in the Palace of Agriculture and features four streams of water falling from the center of the District Seal at the top of the tower on all four sides.

New District Exhibit Pleases Fair Visitors

The Metropolitan Water District exhibit at the Los Angeles County Fair in the Palace of Agriculture this year features a novel innovation . . . four waterfalls of Colorado River water which is so vital to Southern California.

The waterfalls come from the center of the official seal of the Metropolitan Water District on all four sides of a tower 17 feet tall, descending to a large tank at the base of the display. The background behind these streams is composed of brilliantly illuminated plastic which gives a pronounced rippling effect to the water as it falls.

In front of the tower on two sides of the display are two large relief maps showing the route of the Colorado River Aqueduct all the way from the Intake Pumping Plant on the Colorado River to the coastal plain of Southern California as well as the huge areas served by the Aqueduct. More than 6,000,000 people live in the service area of the Aqueduct.

On the other two sides of the display are portrayed figures of people in every walk of life who are dependent upon Colorado River water.

Around the base of the exhibit are illuminated color transparencies depicting the many points of vital interest along the gigantic Aqueduct. Circling the display is a wrought iron rail with spotlights on all four corners to add to the illumination.

The Metropolitan Water District exhibit was designed to impress upon the thousands of persons who will view it the vital importance of Colorado River water to Southern California.

Water Need Grows

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Three years from now estimates indicate that deliveries of the aqueduct may total nearly 600,000 acre-feet, or 196,000,000, 000 gallons per year. This is more than three and one-half times the amount of Colorado River water used in 1953, or an estimated increase of 270 percent in a five-year period.

In terms of people the quantity of Colorado River water delivered by the Metropolitan Water District during the year ending June 30, 1956, will take care of about 2,500,000 persons. The 600,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water which it is estimated will be delivered to areas within the District in the year of 1958 will meet the needs of about 3,300, 000 persons. The ultimate capacity of the Colorado River Aqueduct is 1,212, 000 acre-feet annually, or 1,200,000,000 gallons per day. That is estimated to be enough water to meet the domestic and industrial requirements of well over 6,000,000 persons. Including local and other supplies, this is enough water to take care of about 10,000,000 persons. Colorado River water, Mr. Diemer pointed out, is a supplemental supply made available in addition to the local Southern California underground supplies and the Owens River supply for Los Angeles.

The peak day for Colorado River water deliveries thus far this season was on September 2, when water was being delivered to areas in the five counties at the rate of 900 second feet, or 1800 acre-feet per day, or 580,000,000 gallons per day. At the same time, General Manager Diemer pointed out, the District had temporarily curtailed the delivery of Colorado River water to recharge underground basins in Los Angeles and Orange counties. This was done to prevent the over rapid pulling down of water storage in Lake Mathews, the aqueduct's main storage basin near Riverside.

For the RECORD

(The following items are noted from the report of General Manager and Chief Engineer Robert B. Diemer, filed July 1955, covering District operations for June 1955.)

Colorado River—The water level in Lake Mead rose 10.04 feet during June to elevation 1105.82 feet and usable storage increased 855,000 acre-feet to 12,791,000 a decrease of 2,457,000 acre-feet during the last 12 months. The average rate of discharge for the month at Hoover Dam was 11,400 cubic feet per second as compared with 14,770 during May. Lake Havasu surface elevation varied from 450.8 to 449.2 feet. The average rate of discharge at Parker Dam was 14,900 cfs.

Power and Pumping System—Water pumped at Hayfield during June amounted to 34,584 acre-feet with the plant operating continuously on a 3-pump basis. Peak delivery of power to the Edison Company was 65,000 kw.

Weymouth Softening and Filtration Plant— Colorado River water was softened from 335 to 126 parts per million at an average rate of 226 cfs. The daily rate of flow varied from 173 to 293 cfs, with a total of 13,251 acre-feet treated during the month.

Construction—Contract work was completed on June 27 on the laying of 7505 feet of 79-inch and 13,855 feet of 37-inch welded steel pipe on the middle cross-feeder and Inglewood lateral. The contract on the Cajalco to Corona pipe line was completed on June 6, and the line within Corona was essentially completed. On the Corona to Santa Ana River Canyon line, the contractor laid 1553 lineal feet of 108-inch pipe and 1267 feet of 109-inch pipe during the month; and 2341 lineal feet of pipe was laid on the Santa Ana River Canyon to San Juan tunnel line. Concrete lining operations were continued at San Juan tunnel, with 4415 cubic yards placed for a total to date of 6765 cu. yds. Trench excavation was started on the Santiago lateral; and from the Canyon to Santiago reservoir.

On pumping plant expansion: Installation of Pumping Units Nos. 4 and 5 was 30 percent complete at the end of June. At Intake, Gene and Iron Mountain plants, installation of metal tanks, oil coolers, electrical equipment and District-furnished materials continued. The contract on the pump delivery lines at the various plants was 55 percent complete.

Purchasing—Expenditures covering 336 purchase orders and 14 agreements in June approximate $77,017.00.

(The following items are noted from the report of General Manager and Chief Engineer Robert B. Diemer, filed August 1955, covering District operations for July 1955.)

Colorado River—The water level in Lake Mead rose 0.77 feet during the first of July to a seasonal peak elevation on July 7 of 1106.59 feet with a usable storage of 12,865,000 acre-feet. Thereafter the water level dropped to 1103.48 feet on July 31 with a usable storage of 12, 564,000 acre-feet. Average rate of discharge at Hoover Dam was 13,900 cubic feet per second as compared with 11,390 during June.

Power and Pumping—Water pumped at Hayfield during July amounted to 32, 122 acre-feet. Pumps operated on 3-pump basis except from 8:00 p.m. July 9 to 12:19 a.m. July 15, when it was necessary to reduce to a 1-pump flow while repairs were being made at Casa Loma siphon. Peak delivery of power to and from Edison Company was 115,500 kw and 60,000 kw respectively.

Weymouth Softening and Filtration Plant—Colorado River water was softened from 330 to 129 parts per million at an average rate of 275 cfs. Daily rate of flow varied from 194 to 328 cfs, with a total of 16,674 acre-feet treated during the month.

Construction—On the middle cross-feeder, between Garfield and Wadsworth Avenues, seven percent of the contract was completed; Lower feeder, Corona through Santa Ana Canyon crossing, the contractor has completed 47 percent of the contract; on the Santa Ana Canyon crossing to San Juan tunnel, 78 percent of the work has been completed, with 8,362 feet of pipe laid; San Juan Tunnel, 52 percent of the concrete line has been completed to date, and the contract is 85 percent complete. On the Santiago lateral, Santa Ana Canyon to Santiago reservoir, 2,308 feet of trench was completed.

On pumping plant expansion: Installation of Pumping Units Nos. 4 and 5 at Intake was practically 91 percent complete; at Gene, all work was approximately 81 percent complete; work at Iron was 53 percent complete. Work continued on the installation of the pump delivery lines at Intake and Iron Mountain plants. At the end of the month the contract was 61 perdent complete.

Purchasing—Expenditures covering 319 purchase orders during July approximate $82,865.

(The following items are noted from the report of General Manager and Chief Engineer Robert B. Diemer, filed September 1955, covering District operations for August 1955.)

Colorado River—The water level in Lake Mead dropped 0.77 feet during August to elevation 1102,71 feet and to a usable storage of 12,490,000 acre-feet, a decrease of 74,000 acre-feet for the month. Average rate of discharge during August, at Hoover Dam was 12,900 cubic feet per second as compared with 13,840 during July. At Lake Havasu the water surface varied from an elevation of 449.7 to 448.1 feet and the average rate of discharge at Parker Dam was 13,700 cfs as compared with 15,750 for July.

Power and Pumping System—Pumping at Hayfield was continuous throughout the month on a 3-pump basis with an output of 35,794 acre-feet. Peak delivery of power to and from the Edison Company was 117,700 kw and 70,000 kw, respectively.

Weymouth Softening and Filtration Plant—A total of 24,212 acre-feet of water was softened from 333 to 177 parts per million during July at an average rate of 398 cfs. Daily rate of flow varied from 315 to 446 cfs, the latter figure being a new record high for the 14 years of plant operation.

Construction—On the lower feeder, Schedule 72P, 2269 feet of trench was excavated and 2116 feet of pipe laid for a total of 9,624 feet to date; Schedule 73SC, trench excavation continued and 1135 feet of pipe was laid for a total to date of 6492 feet; Schedule 74P, the contract was 90 percent complete at the end of the month, with a total to date of 10, 319 feet of pipe installed. The contract on San Juan Tunnel is 92 percent complete. On the lower feeder and Santiago later Schedules 75P and 90 SC the contract was 17 percent complete at the end of August, and Schedule 91P the contract was 3 percent complete.

On pumping plant expansion: Work on the Installation of Pump Units Nos. 4 and 5 at Intake plant is 98 percent complete; at Gene plant this contract is 90 percent complete; at Iron Mountain work continued on the placing of concrete and the installation of electrical equipment and District-furnished materials. Work on the pump delivery lines was 68 percent complete at the end of August.

Purchasing—The total of $67,975 was expended during August, covering 405 purchase orders.

NEWS FROM FIELD AND OFFICE



CHARLES C. COOPER, JR.—25 Years of Service

Charles C. Cooper, Jr. came to work for the District in September, 1930 as an Attorney in the Legal Division. He studied economics at Pomona College, California and Chicago University. He graduated from the Harvard Law School LL.B., in 1924.

He is a member of the California State Bar and has license to practice before the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, District of Columbia, and before the United States Supreme Court and Court of Customs Appeals.

He became Assistant General Counsel of the District in July, 1943. Mr. Cooper gives particular attention to annexation proceedings and to State Legislative matters affecting the District.



WILLIAM P. BOWLBY—20 Years of Service

William Chunn, Utility Man, and his wife, Dorothy, are happy to announce the arrival of twins on August 10. Micheal Ray weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces when he made his arrival at 9:49 A.M., and Patricia Lavonne appeared at 10:17 weighing 4 pounds, 8 ounces. Lawrence William, their big brother, is 23 months old.

Bill is one of the caretakers at Palos Verdes Reservoir on the distribution system.

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Mrs. Doris Tonks, Secretary in the Legal Department, resigned from the District September 1, to attend college. She is preparing for the career of a psychologist.

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B. W. Holcomb, Station Machinist at Iron Mountain Pumping Plant, is recuperating from an operation performed July 8. He underwent surgery in Redlands Community Hospital.

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William P. Bowlby came to work for the District in November, 1933. He worked at various camps during Aqueduct construction and in 1935 was made a General Clerk, junior grade.

He left the District for a short period in 1938 but returned to work in 1939 as a Groundman and later as a Sub-station Operator. After another brief absence he became a Pumping Plant Operator, senior grade at Eagle Mountain.

In 1953 he became a Junior Engineer on Construction Design. He is married and lives in Temple City.

In August Bill became eligible for his 20 year service pin.

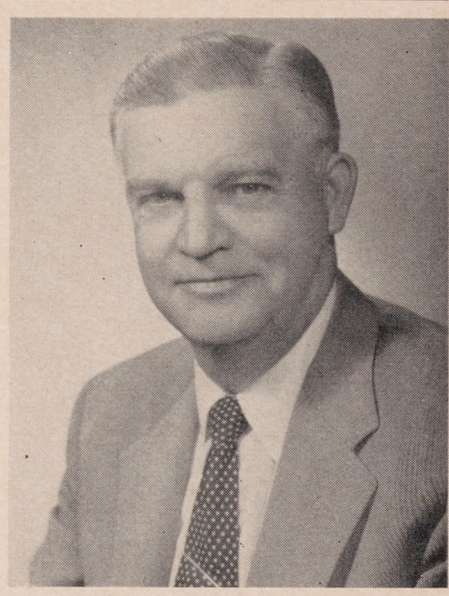
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Jack C. Williams was first employed by the District as a Junior Clerk in September, 1935 in the Mails and Files Division. In 1940 he was promoted to General Clerk, junior grade and in 1942 to General Clerk in Office Engineering.

In 1948 Jack was transferred to the office of the General Manager and Chief Engineer as a Field Secretary. In 1951 he was a Special Clerk and in 1952 was again named Field Secretary, the position he now holds.

He is married and lives in Los Angeles.

Jack has recently been ill with an eye ailment but is now back on the job. He became eligible for his 20 year service pin in September.



HARRIS V. CRAWSHAW—20 Years of Service

Harris V. Crawshaw was employed by the District in September, 1930 although he had previously worked for four years on the preliminary studies for the Aqueduct.

In 1933, he was made an Assistant Engineer, a position he held until 1940 when he resigned to accept a position with Morrison-Knudsen-Twaits Company.

He returned to the District as an Engineer in 1946 and was promoted to Senior Engineer later that year. In 1952 he was named Office Engineer, the position he now holds. He is married and lives in Pasadena.

Harris is a graduate of the University of Southern California and has a B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering.



JACK C. WILLIAMS—20 Years of Service

NEWS FROM FIELD AND OFFICE



Kathleen Mulcahy Suddarth, Secretary, is shown with some of the six place settings of crystal she received from her many friends in the District prior to her marriage to Edwin Burton Suddarth. The nuptials took place on July 30 in the St. Thomas More Church in Alhambra.

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Robert Sanborn, Assistant Station Chief at Iron Mountain Pumping Plant, has returned from his vacation which he spent fishing at Leevining, California.



Cyriald J. Martin, Jr., Utility Clerk, took a bride on August 4 and co-workers presented him with an electric coffee maker and toastmaster. Cyriald and Helen Ann Riel were married at the Cypress Park Christian Church and spent their honeymoon in Monterey, Carmel and Sequoia.

Friends and long-time associates of Joe E. Brown, Master Mechanic, gathered at Gene Camp on July 30 for a party in his honor prior to his retirement.

More than 100 people, including Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Diemer, were on hand to give Joe and his wife a gala send off and they were each presented with a traveling bag. Mrs. Brown also presented Joe with a ring, saying that he had never been able to wear one while working but now he could.

Following a buffet dinner in the mess hall, everyone went to the Recreation Hall for dancing.

Joe came to work for the District in May, 1930 as a Mechanic and has worked at most of the District's installations. He became a Master Mechanic in September, 1951. He and his wife are now making their home with their daughter in Ontario.

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Janet Roys, daughter of Station Chief Walter Roys and Mrs. Roys at Eagle Mountain Pumping Plant, has graduated from the University of Southern California and is now teaching in North Hollywood.

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Marion Fletcher, Field Clerk at the Softening Plant, and Robert L. Shafer, Inspector on construction work, were married September 3rd in Yuma, Arizona.

On Labor Day they moved into their new home at 4013 Las Casas in La Verne and they are now busy acquiring furniture. (Picture in next issue.)

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Arden Lee Bowlby, daughter of Junior Engineer Bill Bowlby, was graduated from Pasadena High School on June 16 in Pasadena's Rose Bowl.

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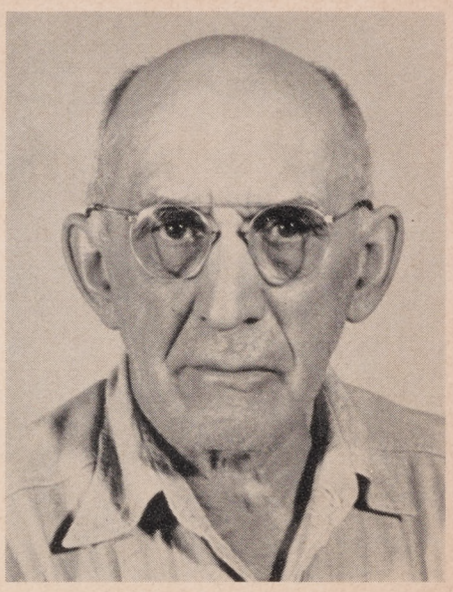
Pumping Plant Operator Meredith Williams enjoyed a recent vacation in the Ozarks visiting Mrs. Williams' parents at Lake Taneycomo, Hollister, Missouri.

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Paulette Adams, daughter of Station Chief Ralph Adams and Mrs. Adams at Hayfield, graduated from Desert Center Grammar School and is now attending Coachella Union High School.

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Barbara Walsh, daughter of former Feild Superintendent T. T. Walsh, was married to Louis R. Hughes on July 16 in Sacred Heart Church, Prescott, Arizona.

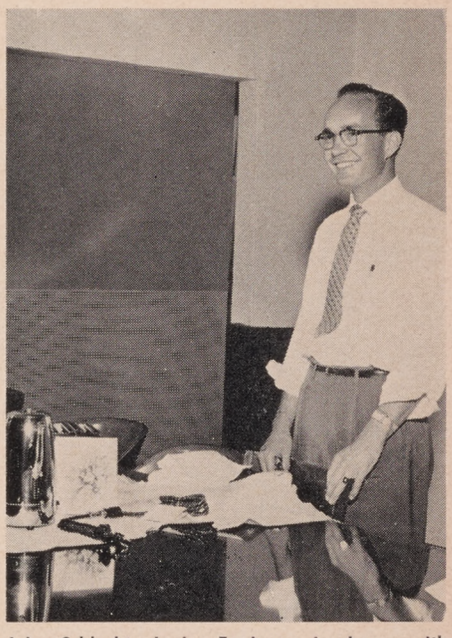


JOE E. BROWN RETIRES

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Les Martin, Personnel Manager and Purchasing Agent, is the proud father of a baby daughter presented to him by his wife, Florence, on August 31.

The new addition arrived at St. Joseph's Hospital in Santa Ana weighing 7 pounds, 14½ ounces and has been named Ann. The Martins also have a son, Don, 14 years of age.



John Schlecht, Junior Engineer, is shown with an electric coffee maker and toastmaster presented to him by fellow employees on the occasion of his recent wedding. John and his bride, the former Evelyn Dixon, were married in Chula Vista on August 6 and spent the week end in La Jolla.